Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, National Women's Health Week, May 13-19, 2007, celebrates the extraordinary progress in women's health and recognizes that more needs to be done to safeguard the health of women for generations to come; and,

Whereas, Women from all walks of life and at every stage of life have unique health needs that should be addressed in their own right; and,

Whereas, Keeping women healthy and safe and promoting awareness of women's health issues depend on partnerships with social, health and other services; and,

Whereas, Women can promote health and prevent disease and illness by taking simple steps to improve their physical, mental, social and spiritual health; and,

Whereas, In the past year, 1,448 South Dakota women took charge of their health by enrolling in the state's breast and cervical cancer and chronic disease programs for important, lifesaving screening; and,

Whereas, In 2006, 53,722 pregnant, post-partum or breastfeeding women in South Dakota improved their nutritional status by participating in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) supplemental nutritional program; and,

Whereas, Women's health remains a priority for families, communities, and government, and our commitment to keeping women healthy is stronger than ever:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 13-19, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens to work together to promote and improve the health of women and to increase awareness and understanding of women's health issues.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State